

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 8th September 2013

Counties Contest Results

The results of the 2 metres Spring Counties Contest are now available: see www.irts.ie/contests and click on the "Results" link. The WX this year on Easter Monday was not conducive to portable operation, and just four stations operated portable - less than half the number that were out and about on Easter Monday in 2012. Congratulations to the winners in each section.

Amateur Station Licence Examination

The next Amateur Station Licence Examination will be held on Thursday, 10th October at 2.00 p.m. in the ComReg Offices in Dublin. Places for the examination are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis so you are strongly advised to apply early. Some applications have already been received. If warranted by the number of candidates, a morning session at 10.30 a.m. will be held in addition to the afternoon session.

Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee on line are available at www.irts.ie/exam . Note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee in order to secure a place for the examination. If you pay the fee on line you must still complete and forward the application form. The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Wednesday 25th September.

The North Cork Radio Group

The North Cork Radio Group will be holding their annual Radio & Electronics Rally on Sunday, 15th Sept. Doors open at 11am and admission is €5 per person (children are free). All the usual traders will be present as well as sole traders and we are certain that a bargain can be found. A raffle will also be held throughout the course of the event and tickets for this will be available on the door (€2 for one strip or €5 for three strips). We look forward to seeing you all there. Anyone wishing to secure a sellers table at the rally, please contact Edwin EI2HEB on ei2heb /at/ ei1nc.com or 086 3885741. Places are filling up fast and there are limited spaces left.

The Foxhunt event will be held on Sat, 14th Sept to kick off the rally weekend and to give visitors an extra activity whilst in Cork City. This is a fun activity for participants from any aspect of the hobby. Can you catch the sneaky fox!!

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will active Loftus Hall on Friday 13th September. Final preparations are being made. Loftus Hall is widely renowned as Ireland's most haunted house. It has been given the CASHOTA reference EI025/SH. It promises to be a fun activation and one for the whole family with junior op's welcome to come along. More details about this event can be got from any SEARG committee member.

For up-to-date news about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and it's actives you can check our website www.searg.com and you can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

LVARS Annual Rally 2014

The LVARS annual rally will be held on Saturday, 1 March 2014 in the Village Centre, Ballynahinch Street, Hillsborough commencing at 11:30 a.m. All the usual traders are expected to attend. Car parking and refreshments available plus bring and buy, club stand and prize draw.

Details from Jim, G10DVU, telephone 04892662270 (From ROI) or 02892662270 (from UK)

NASA's Juno Mission

NASA's Juno mission is inviting amateur radio operators around the world to transmit a coordinated message on the 28 MHz band to the Juno spacecraft. NASA's Juno spacecraft will fly past Earth on October 9, 2013 to receive a gravity assist from our planet, putting it on course for Jupiter. More details available on www.jpl.nasa.gov/hijuno/

Network Southern Area Radio Experimenters' Club

Congratulations to Network Southern Area Radio Experimenters' Club EI9E/P, who

did quite well and came second overall in the contest run by Unión de Radioaficionados Coruna during VHF Field Day called Concurso Atlántico 2013 Memorial José EA1DKV.

DX News

Arnold WB6OJB and Frosty K5BLU are QRV as A25JK and A25CF respectively in Botswana until 12 September. Activity is mainly on 20 – 10m SSB. QSLs go via their home calls.

Akira JA1NLX is QRV from Lissenung Island in Papua New Guinea until 14 September. He is using the callsign P29VNX. QSL via his home call.

Gerben PG5M will activate the callsign V6G from Yap Island in Micronesia from 8 – 15 September. He plans to operate 80 – 10m CW.

Also in the Pacific area look out for FO/KH0PR operated by JJ8DEN from various islands in French Polynesia from now until 25 September. He hopes to visit IOTA references OC-131, OC-094 and OC-238 but plans might be changed due to local transport difficulties. QSLs go via JJ8DEN.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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